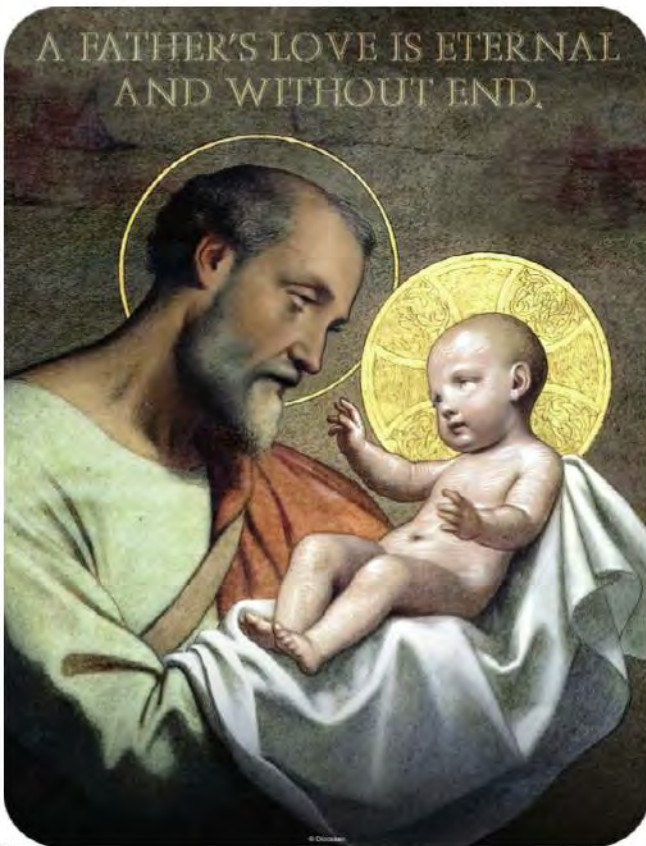


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024*

~ Our Mission Statement ~

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joyfully worship together to give praise, honor and glory to Almighty God. We are called by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and to live the gospel message through the sacraments and to spread the message of Jesus Christ by living out the example of God's power in our lives.



Lent

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence and will be observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings at 7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

Be Reconciled: Wednesday, March 20, Confessions: 9:15am -11:15am; 1:30pm-3:30pm

Penance Service: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Vespers: Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00pm

Good Friday, Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday:

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am and 11:30am.

The **parish office** will be **closed** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

A great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter is to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, in silent prayer, where Jesus waits for us to visit Him with open arms. The church is open Monday through Friday, from 5:30am until 4:00pm; Saturdays, from 7:00am until the end of the 5:15pm Mass; and Sundays, from 6:30am until the end of Vespers, at approximately 6:45pm.

Parish News & Events

Please note:

Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that **person, or, in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care**, calls the parish office to give permission. The above also pertains to the **Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick**.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will continue to pray for all the sick and suffering, even if unable to list by name.

Anna Adams	Mark Huettner	Janice Rippinger
Bill Aloisio	Imelda Johnson	Maria Rodriguez
Irene Bezroukoff	Patrick Lavigne	Norb Rozanski
Michelle Bezroukoff	Jacqueline Lehy	Geri Smith
Martin Brosas	David Medernach	Marilee Seppell
Margie May-Carte	Donna Medernach	Bruce Stephens
Joseph Ciesielski	Carrie Mitchell	Sally Thayer
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Jerry Obrien	Jack Watson
Fred d'Escoto	Joe Pascolini	Connie Weber
May Beth Erickson	Mark Phillips	Wayne Weiler
Debra Hettinger	Ken Podsiadlik	Linda White
	Kathy Rapp	Gregory Zajicek

Let us pray for those members of our parish who are sick and suffering.

We pray for the **Repose of the Souls of Jean Cibulskis, Marcelino Menendez, Jeanne Piron, and Janice Bochantin**

If you would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the parish office at 630-851-1436 to schedule a visit.

Our parish has joined a Catholic website called **FORMED**. This website is loaded with articles, videos, eBooks, and much more—all of which are thoroughly Catholic. You simply go to this website: <https://formed.org> (This is a secure site, which is why there is an “s” in the address). Once there, you will want to click on “Sign Up” (do not click on “Sign In”). In the next prompt, choose “Sign up as a parishioner.” The next prompt will ask you to “Create a New Account.” In the search box, put in the parish’s zip code: 60505. That will give you Annunciation as your choice. Click on that, and then click “next.” From there, you’ll put in your personal information. If you have any questions or problems logging in, please call Mary at the parish office.

Fr. Patrick

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

February 25, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,451.00
7:30am	\$1,062.10
8:45am	\$1,291.00
10:00am	\$1,783.06
11:30am	\$998.00
Mail Ins.	\$105.00
Total:	\$6,690.16



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From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

My brothers and sisters, besides being the 4th Sunday of Lent, today is also known as *Laetare Sunday*. It is called such, because of the entrance antiphon for today's Mass, which reads in part, "Rejoice, Jerusalem!"

This is taken from the book of Isaiah. The Latin word *Laetare* means, "rejoice," and "rejoice," of course, means "be glad," "be joyful." Why should we be joyful? We should be joyful, because of the greatest gift that God has given us. He gave us His only begotten Son.

As our Lord says in this Sunday's Gospel, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life." My brothers and sisters, the Incarnation has given the human soul a new life in Christ Jesus, eternal life. That right there is plenty reason for us to be joyful!

As I mentioned on many occasions, Blessed Columba Marmion, Marmion Abbey's patron, once said, "Joy is the echo of God's life within us." So, indeed, it is!

Rejoice, Jerusalem; rejoice, brothers and sisters; rejoice all you children of God. God the Father has loved us so much that He sent His own Son into the world to bring us everlasting life. His Son suffered greatly and gave up His life to save us. He has, indeed, given us the gift of everlasting life! Let us rejoice and be glad!

God bless you,

Fr. Patrick

Please pray for the **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates** as they continue on their journey. Our Catechumens are: Jackson Best and Philesa Stonecliffe; our Candidates are: Marty Beedle, Greg Madden, Anissa Norris and Manuel Quinonez.

Thank you all for your prayers.



Fr. Patrick (RCIA Team), Jackson Best, Manuel Quinonez, Maria Garcia (Sponsor), Marty Beedle, Greg Madden, Philesa Stonecliffe, Anissa Norris and Linda Wrona (RCIA Team).

Rite of Election Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford, IL



Back Row: Manuel Quinonez, Philesa Stonecliffe, Jackson Best, Anissa Norris: Front Row: Ion Stonecliffe

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Section One: “I Believe” – “We Believe”

CHAPTER THREE: Man’s Response to God

I Believe

26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is *Abraham* who when put to the test “believed God” (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called “the father of all who believe” (Romans 4:11). The other is the *Virgin Mary* who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: “*Let it be done to me according to your word*” (Luke 1:38).

27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

28. What are the characteristics of faith?

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is *necessary* for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a *human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person—prompted by the will moved by God—who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God; it *works* “*through charity*” (Galatians 5:6); and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?

Through faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

“I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe.” (Saint Augustine)

We Believe

30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, “We believe.” It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian. For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

“No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother.” (Saint Cyprian)

SAVE THE DATE

The **Tradition of Excellence Golf Outing** will be returning this year. Please mark your calendars for June 14, 2024 and join us at the Foxbend Golf Course for a fun day of golf while raising money for Annunciation BVM School.

Watch for more information to come





Marmion Academy's Fishing Team to Host Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser

Marmion Academy's Fishing Team is having its annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, March 15, 2024 from 3:30-6:30 PM (drive through pick up only at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora). Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 pieces of Sgt. Dotson's Famous Fried Catfish, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, and a dinner roll. Meals must be purchased in advance at marmion.org/fishfry. All proceeds benefit Marmion's Fishing Team.



The next **Annunciation Food Drive** will be held the weekend of **March 16th and 17th**. Please consider donating the following items: baby wipes, diapers of all sizes, including adult and infant formula. I have been told that these items are in great need.

Please bring donations to the blue bins in front of the altar, near the organ. Donations accepted during designated weekends only. Also, please check the dates on all items. Thank you once again for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Rosemary Kent by Marilee Bacchi

Tuesday, March 12

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Al Bacchi by Martha Hettinger

Wednesday, March 13

6:30am †Alan Krumwiede by Grandma Clark & Addison

8:45am Living & Deceased Members of the Aloisio Family

Thursday, March 14

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Donald Nolde by Angie & Tim Hauert

Friday, March 15

6:30am †Rev. Henry Bangen

8:00am †Henry & Sue Grommes

Saturday, March 16

8:00am †Peter Neu

5:15pm Living & Deceased Members of the Seppell Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Katie Feltes

10:00am †John Hody By Juli Tomse

11:30am †Rob Hentz by Mark & Mary Spoden



Adoration will take place on Friday, April 5 from 8:30am-4:00pm.



Parish Office

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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay

Business Manager.....Mary Glosson

Safe Environment Administrator.....Beth Clark

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Principal.....Mavis DeMar

Administrative Assistant.....Patti Brouch

We Welcome You!

We welcome you to our parish and our community. If you would like to become a member of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, please contact the parish office 630-851-1436 to register. Adult children of current members are also encouraged to register.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to schedule. Normally baptisms take place on Sunday afternoons, after the last Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4:00-4:45pm, or you may call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

The bride, groom, or either of their parents must be registered, contributing members of the parish. Weddings must be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. If there were any previous marriages that were not annulled by the Church, then it must be pointed out that the annulment process could take up to two years.

Anointing of the Sick:

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the parish office immediately.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Adoration: Is normally celebrated on the first Friday of the month, after the 8:00 Mass, with Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 4pm.

Bulletin Deadline:

If you would like something placed in the bulletin, please email the parish office 10 days before the Sunday it is due. annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org.

Announcements:

Announcements are due in the church office by Thursday noon.

Catholic Men In The World Today:

Meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Patio. For information on who we are and what we do, please email us at annmensgroup@aol.com.

The Knights of Columbus Council 736: meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsforcolumbusil.org/council736.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

If you are an adult who would like to be baptized; or was baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant, but did not receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation; or are interested in becoming Catholic; we would like you to consider our RCIA program. For more information, please contact Mary at 630-851-1436.

Mass Schedule (Unless Otherwise Announced or Stated Elsewhere):

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Weekdays (School in session):

M. T. Th. F.: 6:30am, 8:00am

Wed.: 6:30am & 8:45am

Sat.: 8:00am

Weekdays (School not in session):

M.—F.: 6:30am, 8:00am (Rosary prayed before 8:00am)

Mass)

Sat.: 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):

6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm,
only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise
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